

House Resolution No. 1674

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, sixty years ago Melvin Forrester took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Mary Jane Warden, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed on April 1, 1945, in Kirksville, Missouri; and

Whereas, six decades later Melvin and Mary Forrester of Independence will observe their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Dana and Judy Forrester, on April 9, 2005; and

Whereas, in addition to the hosts of their anniversary celebration, Melvin and Mary Forrester have been blessed with the love and affection of their other son, Don Forrester, and three grandchildren, Adam, Allison, and April Forrester; and

Whereas, Melvin Forrester is a retired teacher, high school coach, and municipal swimming pool manager who also is past president of the Lion's Club, a member of Noland Road Baptist Church, a World War II veteran of the United States Marine Corps, and the recipient of a Purple Heart; and

Whereas, Mary Forrester is a retired medical records clerk and former volunteer at Truman Medical Center East who participates in Noland Road Baptist Church and Third Contemporary Club activities; and

Whereas, Melvin and Mary Forrester will use the occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Melvin and Mary Forrester during momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Melvin and Mary Forrester and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Melvin and Mary Forrester of Independence, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Ray Salva
District No. 51

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1674, adopted March 31, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker